

**MINUTES**  
**Annual General Meeting 2019**  
**Wednesday, 9 October 2019**

- 1. Meeting declared open at 7.08pm. Welcome to all present – Leah Douglas, President.**

- 2. Present:**

**SLAC members:** Leah Douglas, David Hawkins, Kim Tao, Adel Dafla, Emma Sayegh, Ranka Trisic, Shazia Khanum

**SLAC staff and contractors:** Elena Sheldon, Mariela Sonn, Nooroa Andrew, Christine Hermawan, Megan Fisher, Paroa Andrew

**Invited guests:** Cr Sean O'Reilly representing the Mayor Cr Roz Blades; Maria Agelonitis, Cristina Taylor and Sarita Kulkarni (WASEMA); Biagio and Rita Di Blasio (Springvale Benevolent Society and Springvale Italian Elderly Citizens Club)

- 3. Apologies Received:**

**Centre Members:** Tuan Tran, Leang Kong, Alf DeHombre, Joe DeSouza

**Staff and Contractors:** Laura Cerbus, Aisha Maboob,

**Invited Guests:** CGD Cr Matthew Kirwan, CGD CEO John Bennie, Claire O'Neil (Federal MP for Hotham), Robyn Downie (ACFE, DET), Rhonda Cumberland (SECL), Anna Brazier (DHHS), Nanette Davis, Jo Brick (Dandenong Library), Elaine Smith, Sura Abu Al Assal and Rovel Shackelford (WASEMA), Rada Savic (Community Grants Hub, DSS).

**Motion:** Apologies to be accepted.

**Moved:** Bev Douglas

**Seconded:** David Hawkins

**Carried**

- 4. Minutes of 2018 AGM, held on 10 October 2018**

Copies of the minutes provided to all members and guests.

**Motion:** Minutes of AGM 2018 to be accepted as true and correct record of the event.

**Moved:** David Hawkins

**Seconded:** Bev Douglas

**Carried**

- 5. To receive and consider SLAC Annual Report on activities in 2018-2019.**

- 5.1 President's Report 2018-2019**

- 5.2 Centre Manager's Report 2018-2019**

Printed copies of Annual Report 2018-2019 provided to all present at the meeting.

Leah Douglas and Elena Sheldon delivered a presentation on the key activity from 2018-2019 – strategic planning to 2025.

Leah reflected on the achievements against the previous strategic plan and spoke about work between 2015 – 2019 as a strategy of testing and trialing emerging opportunities. This resulted in establishing outreach programs, new partnerships and establishing CoCO's Social Enterprise. Leah then presented and launched the new five year strategy 2020 – 2025, with the theme: People – Potential – Pathways.

The work over the next five years will be focused on making an impact at all levels.

Elena spoke about some results of Measuring the Impact test conducted with the group of 60 SLAC learners. These early results provide evidence that as a result of SLAC programs, the learners do not only develop skills and knowledge but experience positive and measurable change in improved health and wellbeing; confidence and resilience; and social connectedness.

Leah thanked everyone who participated in the planning session for the new strategy.

In the lead up to the planning session, SLAC conducted an on-line stakeholder survey and offered an opportunity for respondents to go in the draw to win a shopping voucher. The prize was drawn at the Committee meeting that followed the planning session.

The video of the draw was played on the screen and Leah announced the winner – Joe De Souza.

**Motion:** SLAC Annual Report 2018-2019 to be accepted.

**Moved:** Adel Dafla

**Seconded:** David Hawkins

**Carried**

#### **6. Financial Report for the year ended 30 June 2019.**

Printed copies of the full Audited Financial Report 2018-19 were provided to all attendees. The extracts from the report are included in the Calendar.

David Hawkins, the Treasurer, spoke briefly about the financial challenges over the year. Despite all challenges, the result is a small surplus.

**Motion:** SLAC financial report for 2018-2019 to be accepted.

**Moved:** David Hawkins

**Seconded:** Adel Dafla

**Carried**

#### **7. Appointment of the Auditor for 2019-2020 financial year - Badaway and Associates**

**Motion:** The AGM appoint Badaway and Associates auditors for 2019-2020

**Moved:** Bev Douglas

**Seconded:** David Hawkins

**Carried**

#### **8. Review of annual membership fees.**

**Current annual membership fee is \$5.**

**Motion:** SLAC annual membership fee for 2019-2020 to be \$5.

**Moved:** David Hawkins

**Seconded:** Maria Agelonitis

**Carried**

Leah declared the reporting for 2018-2019 complete and invited Cr Sean O'Reilly to chair the Elections.

## 9. Election of Committee for 2019-2020. Elections Chaired by Cr Sean O'Reilly.

Sean declared all positions on the Committee vacant.

He announced eight nominations for the Executive and the Committee received 7 days prior to the AGM as per SLAC Constitution, and listed on the Agenda.

No opposition was forthcoming and Sean declared 8 positions on the Committee filled by acclamation.

Position	Nominee	Nominated by	Seconded by	Nominee's consent and Declaration Signed/Date
President	Leah Douglas	Kim Tao	Alf DeHombre	14/08/2019
Vice-President	Bev Douglas	Alf DeHombre	Kim Tao	14/08/2019
Treasurer	David Hawkins	Leah Douglas	Kim Tao	14/08/2019
Secretary	Adel Dafla	Alf DeHombre	Bev Douglas	14/08/2019
Committee	Ald DeHombre	Bev Douglas	Alf DeHombre	14/08/2019
Committee	Emma Sayegh	Bev Douglas	Tuan Tran	16/09/2019
Committee	Ranka Trisic	Bav Douglas	Tuan Tran	22/09/2019
Committee	Tuan Tran	Bev Douglas	David Hawkins	26/09/2019

On behalf of Cr Roz Blades, the Mayor, Sean thanked and congratulated the Committee and the team of staff and volunteers on another great year.

In his short address to the meeting Sean spoke about SLAC as the organisation with the best governance and management, and the most open and transparent organisation in CGD.

He noted that SLAC managed to deliver great outcomes to the community with very little funding from CGD and acknowledged the commitment of SLAC to the community. Sean spoke about many community organisations in CGD with low levels of capacity to deliver, and in need of funding.

Sean then clarified that Council is interested in providing funding and working in partnership with highly skilled organisations, such as SLAC for better outcomes and stronger impact.

Sean then gave the Chair back to Leah Douglas, the re-elected President.

Leah thanked Sean and everyone in attendance.

On behalf of the Committee, Leah thanked Kim Tao, the outgoing Secretary, for his commitment to SLAC and the community and for his 7 years' service on the Committee, including holding the position of the Secretary for the last five years. Leah wished Kim all the best, and handed a small gift as a token of appreciation.

Leah then invited all to watch the film about CoCO's that was screened at the Drum Theatre during the Short Cut Films Festival on the 5<sup>th</sup> October, and to stay for supper.

## 10. Meeting declared closed at 7.45pm

Minutes taken by: Kim Tao, Secretary.

